



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: June 16, 2009
Item Number: F-4
To: Honorable Mayor & City Council
From: David Lightner, Deputy City Manager *DJL*
Subject: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS APPROVING USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT RECOVERY (CDBG-R) PROGRAM FUNDS TO CONSTRUCT AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) COMPLIANT CURB RAMPS

Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Public Notice

RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully recommends the City Council adopt the attached Resolution approving use of the Community Development Block Grant Recovery (CDBG-R) program funds to construct Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliant Curb Ramps with \$77,836 of CDBG-R Funds.

INTRODUCTION

Additional Community Development Block Grant Recovery (CDBG-R) funds have recently been approved for allocation to cities under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. Funding has been allocated under the Recovery Act as CDBG-R Funds to stimulate the economy. CDBG-R Funds are targeted for economic development, housing, infrastructure and other public facilities activities that will quickly spur further economic investment, increased energy efficiency, and job creation or job retention. The Los Angeles County Community Development Commission (LACDC) has notified the City that \$77,836 in federal CDBG-R Funds will be available, as part of the 2008-2009 CDBG program, to the City of Beverly Hills for eligible activities. City staff has identified an eligible public facilities improvements project to be funded with CDBG-R Funds. Many street crossings citywide are already required to be improved with ADA Compliant Curb Ramps. Curb ramps will provide an accessible route that people with disabilities can use to safely transition from a roadway to a curbed sidewalk and vice versa. The ADA Standards require that curb ramps include features called "detectable warnings." Detectable warnings consist of a series of small domes that contrast in color with the surrounding sidewalk or street. They must be

integrated into the walking surface, and there are specific measurements for the size and spacing of the domes. The \$77,836 available in CDBG-R funds should allow for the installation of approximately twenty-five (25) curb ramps.

DISCUSSION

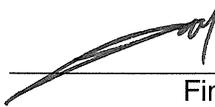
Staff recommends funding for the ADA Compliant Curb Ramps project to be funded with CDBG-R Funds. This public facilities improvement project is eligible under the CDBG-R Funding program and meets the intent of the program to quickly spur economic investment.

PUBLIC NOTICE AND COMMENTS

The CDBG requirements for citizen participation in the application process were met by publishing announcements in the *Beverly Hills Weekly* on June 11, 2009 and the *Beverly Hills Courier* on June 12, 2009, and posting a notice in public buildings on June 8, 2009 for the June 16, 2009 City Council meeting informing the public of the proposed funding for this project (see Attachment). Any comments received at the City Council meeting or other written comments will be forwarded to the Community Development Commission (CDC) along with the application for funding through the Los Angeles Urban County CDBG Program.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City will receive \$77,836 of CDBG-R Funds for fiscal year 2008-09 to cover the cost of ADA Compliant Curb Ramps. Costs associated with this proposed project will be reimbursed to the City by the end of the 2009-10 fiscal year using CDBG funds. There will be no fiscal impact to the City's General Fund.



Scott Miller
Finance Approval

David Lightner 

Approved By

Attachment 1

Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 09-R -

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS APPROVING USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT RECOVERY (CDBG-R) PROGRAM FUNDS TO CONSTRUCT AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES (ADA) COMPLIANT CURB RAMPS

WHEREAS, on August 22, 1974 the President of the United States signed into law the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

WHEREAS, the primary goals of Title I of the Act are the development of viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income; and

WHEREAS, additional Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds have recently been approved for allocation to cities under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009; and

WHEREAS, funding has been allocated under the Recovery Act as CDBG-R funds to stimulate the economy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Beverly Hills has received notification of the availability of \$77,836 in federal Community Development Block Grant Recovery (CDBG-R) funds targeted for economic development, housing, infrastructure and other public facilities activities that will quickly spur further economic investment, increased energy efficiency, and job creation or job retention; and

WHEREAS, the City has identified a public facilities improvement project that is eligible under the CDBG-R Funding program and meets the intent of the program to quickly spur economic investment; and

WHEREAS, the project and project administration will be funded with CDBG-R funds in the amount of \$77,836; and

WHEREAS, the City has published a public notice regarding this eligible activity in accordance with the CDBG-R regulations, and has invited citizen comments.

Now, therefore, the Council of the City of Beverly Hills does hereby resolve as follows:

Attachment 2

Public Notice



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

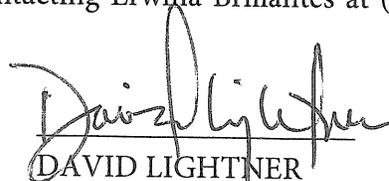
FOR THE

*COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT RECOVERY (CDBG-R) FUNDING
2008-2009 CDBG PROGRAM AMENDMENT*

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Beverly Hills will be amending its 2008-2009 CDBG Program to include CDBG-R Funding. Community Development Block Grant funds have recently been approved for allocation to cities under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. Funding has been allocated under the Recovery Act as CDBG-R funds to stimulate the economy. CDBG-R funds are targeted for economic development, housing, infrastructure and other public facilities activities that will quickly spur further economic investment, increased energy efficiency, and job creation or job retention.

The City of Beverly Hills City Council will be considering for approval the use of CDBG-R Funds in the amount of \$77,836 for the installation of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliant Curb Ramps citywide. This public facilities improvement project is eligible under the CDBG-R Funding program and meets the intent of the program to quickly spur economic investment. The City Council will be considering this project for approval at the City Council meeting to be held June 16, 2009 in the City Council Chambers at 455 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, California, 90210 at 7:00 pm.

The City is inviting comments through June 16, 2009 on the proposed CDBG 2008-2009 program amendment to provide CDBG-R Funding for the ADA Compliant Curb Ramps project. Comments can be submitted to Erwina Brillantes, Management Analyst, City of Beverly Hills Community Development Department, First Floor, 455 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, California, 90210, or by contacting Erwina Brillantes at (310) 285-1179, or ebrillantes@beverlyhills.org.


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